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FROM ODC-BELLUX

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, MPOL, BE
SUBJ: F-16 OPTION

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS
FOR TRANSMISSION TO YOUR OFFICE.

"1. DUE TO THE BELGIAN INVOLVEMENTS IN THE SHABA AFFAIR
DURING THE TWO LAST WEEKS, NO, REPEAT NO DECISION HAS
BEEN TAKEN YET AT THE HIGHEST AND ULTIMATE BELGIAN POLITI-
CAL LEVEL REGARDING THE CONFIRMATION OF THE OPTION OF
FOURTEEN F-16 AIRCRAFT.

"2. IN ADDITION PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS BEING BOTH IN WASHINGTON, NO DECISION CAN BE TAKEN
PRIOR TO THEIR RETURN.

"3. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT PRIME MINISTER WILL EX-
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PLAIN THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION AND WILL SUGGEST A DELAY
OF A FEW DAYS TO FINALIZE THE RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM.

"4. IN VIEW OF A POSITIVE OUTCOME, BELGIUM WOULD HIGHLY
APPRECIATE IF THE US GOVERNMENT COULD CONFIRM THAT IN THE
MEANTIME THE CONDITIONS AND TERMS OF THE MOU AND THE NTE
REMAIN UNCHANGED.

"5. SIGNED P. VANDEN BOEYNANTS, MINISTER OF DEFENCE."
GDS 31 DEC 84. DE TARR

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